

Epping Anglicans

Parish of Saint Alban's, Epping
with Saint Aidan's, West Epping

Our Vision: To be a city on a hill - a worshipping community,
loving Jesus and the people around us.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

New Guinea Martyrs / Season of Creation

1 September 2024

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Brian Haywood

President: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

Preacher: *The Reverend Paul Weaver*

10.00am Choral Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Motet: Jesus Yu Holem Han Blong Mi (Jesus, You hold my hand)

A song from Papua New Guinea in Pidgin English

Reader: Sarah Weaver

President: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

Preacher: *The Reverend Paul Weaver*

10.00am Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

Amy Taylor, Children's Ministry Worker

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?>

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Passcode 389867 if required. If you are dialling in, the number is: 8015 6011

Meeting ID: 825 1618 2389 followed by # (and another # - there isn't a participants number).

Please keep your computer or phone on "mute" during the service.

To mute/unmute your phone, press *6. Please stay on line for a time of fellowship.

Morning tea

Let us continue our fellowship commenced during the Eucharist by joining together over morning tea in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am Services. Everyone is very welcome.



*In Covenant with the communities of
the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford, Epping Uniting Church
and West Epping Uniting Church*

From Paul Weaver:

A number of significant events come together on this first Sunday in September. Of course, this week we share in the official Commencement of Ministry of Phil Lui as our new Rector. It was lovely to see the positive and thankful response of everyone last Sunday when Phil's appointment was announced. Do keep Phil, Becky and the boys in your prayers. Phil has been very busy as our Acting Rector, but taking on this position of Rector is a big move in many ways, and Phil will need our active encouragement, support and prayer in the challenges he takes on. I am sure that his ministry will be a blessing to us all.

This is also the beginning of the Season of Creation, throughout the month of September, in which many churches participate. With many Christians, we especially give thanks for the blessings of God's good creation, and also acknowledge the need for us to care for creation and to use its resources with responsibility, especially as we recognize how much harm has been done over recent generations, and how real is the threat of climate change. Throughout the month we will sing hymns giving thanks for creation, and share in prayers for the environment. It is appropriate that we are joining with our ecumenical partner churches during this Season of Creation: you may be able to come on the bushwalk on Tuesday week, or join our ecumenical service and dinner later in the month.

Today we also remember the New Guinea Martyrs, commemorated in our Chapel. The twelve Anglican Martyrs, who died during the Japanese invasion of New Guinea, had the opportunity to go to safety as danger drew closer, but chose to stay and continue their work. As they gave their lives as Christ's followers, many lay and ordained Christians from other denominations also gave their lives as servants of Christ and his people.

Today we also come to the end of our sermons on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Paul has written about God's wonderful plan to redeem his creation, and in particular to graciously bring people of all backgrounds together into his new creation, free from sin and evil. The God of love, who breaks down barriers which keep people from him and from one another, has called us all into his church, his family in Christ. We are to reflect his unity, his love, his grace and his righteousness in our lives and relationships. But that will not come naturally, and it will not always be easy. Paul writes of our powerful enemy the devil, who constantly seeks to undermine God's purposes, and to attack our faith and our faithfulness. In today's reading, Paul assures us that in Christ we have the resources to resist the temptations Satan places before us, and to remain strong when we struggle spiritually. The Martyrs of New Guinea knew that strength as they faced death for Christ's sake. We may never face martyrdom, but we are called to keep going in faith and love and discipleship, and in faithfulness to Christ.

Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection:

The September *Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection* are available in the porch and on the website.

Today we are celebrating Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles and Carers. They are such special people in our lives and today we honour them, and all that they do and have done for us.



The memorial flowers today,
are in loving memory of
Roly Rixon from his family

Announcement of next Rector of the Parish of Saint Alban's

On Sunday 25 August the Parish Nominators announced the appointment of the Reverend Phil Lui as the next Rector of Saint Alban's. For God's leading in this we give thanks. We are thankful that Phil is willing to accept this responsibility. We want to thank you, our fellow parishioners, not only for your prayerful support of us, but also your respect for the process and the need for confidentiality, and for your patience with our silence during the nomination process.

The full text of the announcement is on the Parish Notice Board.

Glyn Evans, Ruth Shatford, Peggy Sanders, Meryl Smith and James von Stieglitz

A service celebrating the Commencement of Ministry of

the Reverend Phil Lui

as Rector of St Alban's Parish

Conducted by the Right Reverend Chris Edwards Bishop of North Sydney
will be held at

Saint Alban's Church, 3 Pembroke Street Epping
at 7:30 pm

on Tuesday 3 September 2024

At the conclusion of the service, supper will be served in the main hall.

Donations of a plate of sandwiches, cake or slices would be greatly appreciated

Thanks and Giving Service and Lunch -

NEXT SUNDAY 8 September 2024

at 9.30am (one service only)

As we conclude our sermon series on what it means for us to be part of the Body of Christ, on Sunday 8 September, we will have one service at 9.30am for an opportunity to worship and join together for a Thanks and Giving Service and Lunch.

This will be a service to give praise for what we have in our parish community as well as reflecting on how we support the ministries and outreach of the parish.

To assist with the catering for lunch, we are asking for some people to bring either a plate of sandwiches or cake/slice to share with others.

If you would like to bring a plate, please indicate what food you will bring on the sheet on the church porch noticeboard.

St Alban's Parish Survey

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QK68HVY> or use the QR code. Hard copies are available at the back of the church for those who don't have a computer (*please leave your completed survey in the office letterbox located in the office door*).



TODAY is the last day to fill in the survey.

Church:

Roseville - St Andrew; Roseville College; Roseville East - St Barnabas,
Grace Anglican; Turramurra South - St Philip
West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church
Act For Peace (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Pray for people suffering oppression, upheaval and danger in warzones and areas of conflict. Pray for comfort and support for the terrified, the injured and the orphaned. Pray for an end to conflict causing such humanitarian crises, and pray that leaders may show wisdom and courage to act for peace rather than revenge and retribution.

Pray for refugees and asylum seekers: those displaced, those living in makeshift camps, those seeking a safe haven, and those who have lost all hope. Pray for Act for Peace and pray that those seeking to settle in Australia will find here generous hearts, and well supported organisations providing practical and emotional support and assistance.

As we remember the Martyrs of New Guinea and all those from many denominations who died serving God and their fellow man during that time, pray for the people of Papua New Guinea now and particularly pray for God's sustaining power for the church.

Give thanks to God for fathers. Pray that fathers/step-fathers/grandfathers might nurture and care for their families and be sustained by the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit, sharing God's love with their children. Pray too for those who have found fathering difficult, and have struggled in this. May they find peace.

Pray for the sick, the frail or confused, and for those whose earthly life is drawing to its close, remembering those from our parish community, or known to us. Pray that they will experience God's comfort, calming spirit and reassurance. May they be relieved of stress and fear. Pray for skill for medical staff, and pray for caregivers, and those who sit with the dying, that they will have hearts of compassion and demonstrate God's love in all they do.

Pray for our parish of Saint Alban's, our faith community. Pray for Phil as he takes on the responsibility of the leadership of the parish. Pray for all who worship here that we will continue to serve Christ and each other; may we feel a renewed commitment and seek ways to give generously of our skills, talents and financial resources in God's service. May we give thanks for all God's numerous blessings to us.

Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we pray that you would grant to your servant Phil the strength of your spirit. Fill him with truth, compassion and humility, so that he may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your church. Ever-guiding Spirit, open us to the paths you call us to travel and open us to those with whom you would have us minister. May we welcome one another with hearts of grace, and together be a means for the common good. Amen.

Anniversary of Death:

Edna Swihart; Michael Wallis; Jean Carruthers; Frances Oliver; Brian Hoare; Terence Haupn;
Keith Smith; Wilfred Rushton; Frank Bennett; Peter Fox; Chuck Connors; Hilde Woodman;
Helen Brayner 1/9; Lionel Barrett 3/9; Ralph Fraser 3/9; Phyllis Newland 4/9; Kathleen Cox 5/9;
Geoff Darling 5/9; Paul David 5/9; Ken McLeod 7/9; Jade Rushton 7/9; Helen Elliott 7/9

We are a parish committed to pray regularly for peace in the world, and to pray for all those caught up in the misery and dislocation of war, violence and oppression. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the people of Israel and of Palestine, including those soldiers and citizens who have been drawn into wars not of their making.

Prayer for peace and hope in the midst of the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict, and the ongoing war in Ukraine

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine, and in Ukraine.

O God, we pray for all your suffering children. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding and healing may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Every year, Christians around the world, from across denominations, commit the month of September to prayer, action, and a renewed commitment to advocate for God's beautiful creation.

This year the theme is "Hope and act with creation" with the symbol "the first fruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

SEASON OF CREATION - BUSHWALK

Tuesday 10 September at 10.30am

Field of Mars Gladesville

Come for a one and a half hour stroll to celebrate the Season of Creation in our local bushland with an experienced guide. Use all your senses to relax and enjoy the tranquillity of nature. This flat one kilometre walk will be within most people's abilities.

Bookings essential as places are limited

Please email office@eppinganglicans.org.au Meeting Place will be advised in reply to your booking email

THE ECUMENICAL SEASON OF CREATION SERVICE,

Discussion and the Sharing of a Meal organised by the Covenant communities of the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford; the Epping Uniting Church; West Epping Uniting Church; and the Anglican Parish of Epping will be held on

Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 5.00pm

West Epping Uniting Church Corner Carlingford Road and Orchard Street, Epping
All welcome — please invite your friends

There will be a service of prayer and celebration, followed by fellowship over a meal with the opportunity to discuss achievable solutions and how we can each make a difference and act with creation. While there is no charge for the dinner a financial contribution of approximately \$10 will be appreciated.

Mission of the Month Act for Peace



Act for Peace is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. As part of the ACT Alliance, Act for Peace works with local organisations around the world, saving lives when disaster strikes and helping to build long-term change.

Today there are more than **120 million people displaced** due to conflict and disaster, more than at any other time in history. During the past year Act for Peace has assisted local partners in 19 countries in the funding of 35 life-changing projects, improving the lives of more than 286,000 people.

Every day, Act for Peace's local partners are there to support and stand with **refugees**. They will never stop showing kindness, often at great personal sacrifice, to help find a safe permanent home for the people uprooted by conflict and disaster. It's through these acts of kindness over the long-term that ultimately mean people find safety.

This gives refugees hope, but it also gives us all hope. Despite the difficult times we are living through, people are stepping up to meet the challenge, sharing the burden with those struggling to survive. Please help share the burden and **turn despair into hope** for refugees and displaced people.

For further details, please refer to www.actforpeace.org.au

There are a few ways to financially support Act for Peace in their global ministry:

- Donate funds directly at www.actforpeace.org.au
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag '[Act for Peace](#)'.
- Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'Act for Peace' next to the stamped date), or in a plain envelope marked 'Act for Peace', and deposit in the collection box at church.
- Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning; deposit it in the Church office mailbox any time; or mail a cheque to PO Box 79 Epping 1710 – please make the cheque payable to the Saint Alban's account and attach a separate note that the funds are intended for Act for Peace.

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia

The ABM Sydney Committee invites you to celebrate
The Feast of the Commemoration of the New Guinea Martyrs
Eucharist at St Luke's Church, Enmore
11 Stanmore Road, Enmore

Saturday 7 September 2024 at 11.00am

Celebrant: Fr Jeff Parker (*Rector*)

Speakers: The Bishop of the New Guinea Islands, the Rt Rev'd Reginald Makele & Robert McLean from ABM.

Lunch will be in the Parish Hall, adjacent to the Church.

RSVP for catering by 31st August to Denise, ABM Office, Sydney

Email: info@abmission.org.au or Phone 02 9264 1021

Transport: Parking in the Church grounds limited except for 'Disabled'
Unmetred parking - Stanmore Rd, Cavendish St or Fotheringham St (opp Church)
Buses from Railway Square or Newtown Station: 423; 426; 428. Alight at cnr Enmore Road & Stanmore Road with a 2 minute walk to 11 Stanmore Road.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 2 September

MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA

Office closed

Tuesday 3 September

Gregory of Rome, bishop and teacher

Eliza Darling, pioneer social reformer in NSW

9.00am Staff meeting

7.30pm Commissioning Service of Rev'd Phil Lui as Rector

Wednesday 4 September

10.00am ESL

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 5 September

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link on front page*)

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

12 noon RLT at Jill's home

Friday 6 September

Phil's day off

The next meeting of the **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Jill's home on Thursday 5 September at 12noon. Please bring your lunch as usual.

**If you are a NEWCOMER, to St Alban's,
we would like to make contact with you.**

To do this please scan the QR code and we will be in touch.

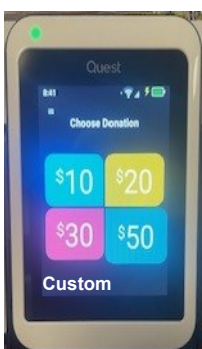


Safe Ministry

The Parish of St Alban's with St Aidan's Epping NSW is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact the Acting Rector Rev. Phil Lui on 02 9876 3362 or email phil@eppinganglicans.org.au

You can also contact the Diocesan Safe Ministry Team on 02 9265 1604 email info@safeministry.org.au or to report abuse 1800 774 945 email abuserreport@safeministry.org.au



EFTPOS Terminal

St Alban's has now made it even easier to make a donation by installing a 'Tap and Go' machine which is placed at the back of the church. Simply select an amount for your once-off donation and tap your debit or credit card. There are four set amounts - \$10, \$20, \$30, \$50 or a custom amount where you can choose your own number (up to \$99). If you would like to donate more than \$99, please tap twice.

Pick which amount you would prefer then tap your card.

Next Sunday Service
THANKS AND GIVING SERVICE

8 September 2024

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui
(also available by Zoom)

Bush Church Aid (BCA) Collection Boxes

As one way of raising money for Bush Church Aid – the ministry to grow the church in rural, regional and remote Australia – parishioners take a money box to collect their loose change. At certain times of the year we bring these back and the money is counted and sent to BCA.

It is BCA box opening time again. Please bring in your BCA boxes for the September count. They may be left at the church office or placed in the offertory box at any service. If you would like to become a supporter of BCA please contact the parish office and a collection box will be sent to you. Boxes are opened and proceeds forwarded to BCA half yearly.

Please consider paying your offertory directly into the church account.

The details are:- St Alban's Account, BSB No: 032 081, A/c: 000024

Please indicate which service you attend. If you wish some of your giving to go to the Mission of the Month or any other specific cause, please indicate it on your direct transfer.

During the blessing of the gifts of the people, we are including the offertory made to the Parish by direct transfer; handed in to the office, and the offertory made using the EFTPOS Terminal at the back of the church. Otherwise, the offertory box is located in the aisle at each service and brought forward for the blessing of the gifts. We also have an EFTPOS terminal at church for a once-off donation.

Parish Directory

Parish Office

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